

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2797

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to schools; creating the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act; affirming public policy of the state; creating certain revolving fund; requiring funds to be expended by State Board of Education for certain purpose; requiring State Department of Education to operate certain program to educate public and students in certain grades; requiring Department to develop certain programs that contain certain criteria; prohibiting certain financings; requiring public schools operating at grade nine to provide certain instruction; requiring public schools to inform parent prior to presentation of certain instruction; permitting schools which have certain program to contract with Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to provide certain information and services; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in

1 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there is  
2 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

3 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Humanity of the  
4 Unborn Child Act".

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
6 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

7 Pursuant to the United States Supreme Court Case *Maher v. Roe*,  
8 which held that the United States Constitution imposes "no limitation  
9 on the authority of a state to make a value judgment favoring  
10 childbirth over abortion, and to implement that judgment by the  
11 allocation of public funds", 432 U.S. 464, 474 (1977), the  
12 Legislature hereby affirms that it is the public policy of the State  
13 of Oklahoma to make a value judgment favoring childbirth over  
14 abortion and to implement that judgment by the allocation of public  
15 funds.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in  
17 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112.1 of Title 70, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
20 for the State Board of Education to be designated as the "Public  
21 Education on the Humanity of the Unborn Child Fund". The fund shall  
22 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and  
23 shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit of the fund by  
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1 law. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund shall be  
2 budgeted and expended by the Board for the establishment of the  
3 public information programs established in Section 4 of this act.  
4 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
5 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
6 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
7 approval and payment.

8 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in  
9 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112.2 of Title 70, unless there  
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. Contingent on the provision of appropriated funds or  
12 revolving funds designated for the State Board of Education for such  
13 purpose, the State Department of Education shall establish, operate  
14 and maintain a public information program or programs for the purpose  
15 of educating the public about the humanity of a child in utero. The  
16 fund shall not be available to provide or promote abortion or refer  
17 for abortion. Expenditures shall be drawn from the Public Education  
18 on the Humanity of the Unborn Child Fund.

19 B. The Department shall establish, operate and maintain a  
20 program to educate students in grades nine through twelve about the  
21 humanity of a child in utero. The Department shall conduct the  
22 programs and activities in paragraphs 1 through 10 of this subsection  
23 to the extent possible pursuant to the funds appropriated for the  
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1 program and may utilize information from the State Department of  
2 Health and the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision which  
3 complies with the purposes of the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act.

4 The State Department of Education shall:

5 1. Develop and make available materials designed to provide  
6 accurate, scientifically verifiable information concerning the  
7 probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn  
8 child at two-week gestational intervals. The Department may utilize  
9 as a resource the material created pursuant to Section 1-738.2 of  
10 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and as located on the website,  
11 [www.awomansright.org](http://www.awomansright.org);

12 2. Develop, update annually and maintain information concerning  
13 public and private agencies and services available to assist a woman  
14 through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the child is dependent,  
15 which shall include a comprehensive list of the agencies available,  
16 including adoption agencies, a description of the services they offer  
17 and a description of the manner, including telephone numbers and  
18 email addresses, by which they might be contacted. The Department  
19 shall index this information geographically and shall make it readily  
20 accessible on the Department's website. The website shall include  
21 the following statement:

22 "There are many public and private agencies willing and able to  
23 help you to carry your child to term and to assist you and your  
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1 child after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your  
2 child or to place him or her for adoption. The State of  
3 Oklahoma strongly urges you to contact them if you are  
4 pregnant.";

5 3. Develop and distribute educational and informational  
6 materials, including audiovisual materials, to provide public  
7 information through public service announcements, media and otherwise  
8 for the purpose of achieving an abortion-free society. Such  
9 materials shall be developed from the most readily available,  
10 accurate and up-to-date information and shall clearly and  
11 consistently teach that abortion kills a living human being and is  
12 against public policy;

13 4. Develop and conduct training programs concerning unborn child  
14 humanity education and abortion prevention for teachers, counselors,  
15 other educational personnel, parents, public service personnel and  
16 community leaders;

17 5. Provide technical assistance to help community-based  
18 organizations in the planning and implementation of abortion  
19 prevention, alternatives to abortion referral and unborn child  
20 humanity education programs;

21 6. Provide outreach, consultation, training and alternatives to  
22 abortion referral services to schools, organizations and members of  
23 the community;  
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1       7. Develop, identify, publicize the availability of and widely  
2 disseminate the most readily available, accurate and up-to-date  
3 secondary school unborn child humanity education and abortion  
4 prevention curricula and materials, including audiovisual materials  
5 which clearly and consistently teach that abortion is against public  
6 policy;

7       8. Facilitate the use of appropriate means of communicating to  
8 students about the humanity of the unborn child, especially involving  
9 the participation of entertainment personalities and athletes who are  
10 recognizable role models for many young people;

11       9. Develop and distribute educational and informational material  
12 concerning maternal behavior during pregnancy which is helpful to a  
13 human child in utero, including avoidance of tobacco, alcohol and  
14 other drugs; proper nutrition and prenatal vitamins; and utilization  
15 of and resources available for prenatal medical and wellness care;  
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17       10. Other programs of unborn child humanity education and  
18 abortion prevention consistent with the purposes of the Humanity of  
19 the Unborn Child Act, provided that the fund may not be used to  
20 finance programs or materials on human sexuality.

21       SECTION 5.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified in  
22 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112.3 of Title 70, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1       A. Contingent on the provision of appropriated funds or  
2 revolving funds designated for the Public Education on the Humanity  
3 of the Unborn Child Fund, each public school operating at grade level  
4 nine in Oklahoma shall provide a unit of instruction during regular  
5 school hours containing the information developed in Section 4 of  
6 this act. Each school shall inform at least one parent or guardian  
7 of each student at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of  
8 such unit of instruction that the parent has the right to remove the  
9 student from the classroom in which the unit of instruction is being  
10 presented.

11       B. For schools which have a family and consumer sciences  
12 education program administered through the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Career and Technology Education, the State Department of Education  
14 may contract with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology  
15 Education to provide the public information programs and services  
16 established by the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act.

17       SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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